

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6222  
INFO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA  
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA  
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR  
AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
AMEMBASSY BELIZE  
AMEMBASSY PANAMA  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 0268

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CS  
SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE

1. PRESIDENT ODUBER TOLD ME JAN 18 THAT HE ENVISAGED THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO IN ARRIVING AT A SOLUTION TO THE BELIZE DISPUTE. A LATIN AMERICAN MILITARY FORCE COMPOSED ESSENTIALLY OF PANAMANIAN NATIONAL GUARD UNITS WOULD REPLACE THE BRITISH FORCE CURRENTLY IN BELIZE. UK WOULD THEN GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO BELIZE. CONCURRENTLY, GUATEMALA AND BELIZE WOULD ENTER INTO BORDER NEGOTIATIONS, WITH BELIZE BEING PREPARED TO MAKE MINOR TERRITORIAL CESSIONS, AND BELIZE WOULD BE INVITED TO JOIN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET. ODUBER SAID THAT THIS SCENARIO HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE GOP, THE GOB AND HMG. HE FELT CERTAIN THAT GOG COULD BE PERSUASIONED TO ACCEPT IT BECAUSE A MAJOR CONFIDENTIAL

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EMOTIONAL OBSTACLE TO A SETTLEMENT, I.E., THE BRITISH PRESENCE, WOULD BE REMOVED.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT SCENARIO SKETCHED OUT BY ODUBER IS AT LEAST PARTIALLY BASED ON DISCUSSIONS HE HAD WITH GEORGE PRICE WHEN PRICE QUIETLY VISITED SAN JOSE TWO WEEKS AGO. AS DEPT

IS AWARE, ODUBER IS OCCASIONALLY INCLINED TO  
REPRESENT PROPOSED SCHEMES AS AGREED-UPON COURSE  
OF ACTION.  
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